

REMARKS

Claims 10-13 and 20-25 are pending. Claims 1-9 and 14-19 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 10-13 and 20-25 are allowed. Reconsideration and allowance based on the above amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Prior Art Rejections

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hollström, et al (US 6,968,365) and claims 1-9 and 14-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Parulski, et al. (US 5,943,603) in view of Hollström. These rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-9 and 14-19 from the application. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

Allowance of the Application

The remaining pending claims 10-13 and 20-25 have been designated as allowed claims. With the cancellation of the rejected claims, the application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings (Reg. No. 48,917) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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